

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
OTEDUEN D. MENODY) REFRIGERATION SYSTEM
STEPHEN B. MEMORY et al) Group Art Unit 3744
Serial No. 10/602,276)
Filed June 24, 2003) Examiner William E. Tapolca

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained in the Notice of Allowance dated January 28, 2005, Applicants provide the following comments.

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance appears to be a summary of claim language extracted from allowed independent claim 3. It should be specifically noted that the recitation in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Al-

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lowance is not contained in the other allowed independent claims. In this regard, it is Applicants' understanding, and the issue fee is submitted based upon this understanding, that all of the claims were properly considered by the Examiner based on the language contained in each claim and accordingly are allowable on the merits of such language without incorporating any limitations from any other claim, and particularly without incorporating any limitations recited in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent that the Examiner or the Patent Office disagrees with any of the foregoing, immediate notification of such disagreement is requested. Absent such notification, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims stands on the specific language in the claim, and has in no way relied upon the language in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and that no limitations should be incorporated into the claims based on the language in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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